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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

FOURTEENTH STREET—"Toss of the D'Orville."

OLYMPIC-Keller the Magician.

IMPERIAL—"The Fool's Revenge."

HOPKINS—Continued.

STANDARD—"Merry Madmen."

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CENTURY—"Courtier to Court."

MATINEES TO-MORROW.

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A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Post-Dispatch has enlisted in the

Salvation Army for the work of providing

the hungry and the homeless with a

mercy Christmas.

On Christmas Day the Salvation Army

proposes to offer a good dinner free of

charge to all who are unable to buy food.

All of the destitute, regardless of race,

color, religion or condition, will be in-

cluded and be merry for one day in

the year. The day of rejoicing through-

out the Christian world will be made a

day of good cheer for the poverty stricken

unfortunates of St. Louis. The hand

of fellowship and charity will be freely

extended to them and for once at least

their hunger will be appeased.

In order that this beneficent charity

thoroughly in keeping with the spirit

of the Christmas season, shall be as

broad in scope as the needs of the city's

poor the Salvation Army has appealed to

the Post-Dispatch to help out in securing

supplies. The Post-Dispatch has enlisted

and we ask all of our readers to enlist

in the Christmas Dinner Army.

We have never appealed to the public

in the name of charity in vain. We do

not hesitate to make this appeal in full

confidence that abundant return, either

in money or supplies, will come. The Sal-

vation Army will do the practical work of

preparing and distributing the dinner

to the needy. Major and Mrs. Milles expect

to feed 10,000 persons. Let us make it 15,-

000 or more if necessary. Let there be

food for every hungry man, woman and

child in the City of St. Louis.

The Post-Dispatch will receive and ac-

count for contributions. The consciousness

of having helped a fellow creature to a

good dinner will send every true heart

savor to our own Christmas feast. Who

will give?

ED BUTLER'S HINTS.

Col. Ed Butler, in reciting his troubles

over the Indianapolis garbage contract,

throws out a hint that St. Louis would

do well to consider. He says that what

powers there is in a system of fines to

make those contracting for services to

citizens do their duty.

Col. Butler says that in Indianapolis

every failure on his part to properly col-

walks on two legs, why should he con-

fine himself to the ordinary citizen? He

can easily add to his laurels by tackling a

few of the bloated members of official-

dom.

The footpad is in the saddle. He and

the policeman are in control of the

situation. "Johnny, get your gun!" is

the song the citizen hums nowadays.

It is doubtful if the Cuban insurgents

need any help from this country, unless

it be one or two more dynamite guns.

But the United States need vindication

from the charge of being an ally of the

Spanish tyrant.

THE STEEL BARGE LINE.

Representatives of the material inter-

ests of St. Louis—men engaged in real

estate, financial, jobbing, manufacturing

and retail lines of business—cannot afford

to ignore the situation in the grain trade

or to be indifferent to the project to es-

tablish a line of steel barges on the Mis-

sissippi River.

St. Louis is losing her grain trade. It

is admitted by those engaged in river

and rail transportation, by grain dealers

and all who follow the course of the

grain trade, that the receipts at this

point are falling off and that the prod-

ucts of the Missouri and Mississippi Val-

leys are going abroad by outlets other

than St. Louis. The reason of this di-

version of trade is found in cheaper rates

to the grain ports west and east of

St. Louis and in order to enjoy the ad-

vantages of these cheaper rates St. Louis

exporters and grain dealers are establish-

ing houses and erecting elevators else-

where.

What St. Louis must do, therefore, to

retain her grain trade and to secure in-

creased trade is to reduce freight rates

to the Gulf. It is claimed, with apparent

good reason by those who ought to know,

that this can be done through a line of

steel barges and towboats. These barges

can be constructed to carry from 30,000

to 40,000 bushels of grain in three and

a-half feet of water at a rate of 2

cents a bushel, which will yield a good

profit on the investment.

Railroad men admit that a 3-cent rate

from St. Louis to New Orleans will bring

to this city millions of bushels of wheat

and corn which are now carried to the

Gulf by the railroads from points west

and east of St. Louis.

If necessary to accomplish this object

St. Louis business would be justified in

operating a line of barges without profit.

The gaining of the vast grain trade of

these valleys means not only the profits

of that trade but an increase in all lines

of trade. The grain trade is advertised

in all other lines and the question is, shall

St. Louis go forward or backward in

trade?

There is but one answer to this ques-

tion. The answer lies in the building of

the proposed steel barge line. Business

men in all branches of manufacture and

trade should heartily and liberally sup-

port the project. There should be no de-

lay in putting the enterprise on its feet.

All the street railway franchises of Co-

lumbus, O., have been declared invalid

and the same should be done with the

franchise for sale. There is a suggestion in

the public which should give pause to the

St. Louis franchise grabbers. Suppose the

Julian law should prove constitutional

and valid. What would be the standing

of franchises granted in violation of it?

Three hundred invitations have been

issued for the Carr execution. This is rat-

her straining the law providing for a pri-

vate gallows. The pressure on Sheriffs

for passes to such horrible scenes is very

great. There should be more respect for

the law among the people. Every execu-

tion at an execution is morally injured by it.

The President's train ran over and

killed a laborer. This was an accident

with which the President had nothing to

do. It is no accident, however, when

the President, in administering the Gov-

ernment, favors the combinations which

deprive the laborer of the means of liv-

ing.

It is strange that what is so clearly a

necessity as the street car vestibule in

severe winter weather should have to be

urged in any way or should require legis-

lation of any sort. It is stranger that

with a vestibule law on the statute books

no attempt should be made to enforce it.

School Board Director Studnicka

wants a street railway on every street

in the city. Director Studnicka doubt-

less supposes that if enough children

could be killed off by street cars, there

would be no more complaints of crowded

school-rooms.

The Government's expenses in the past

eight years, Mr. Dockery finds, are \$1,000,-

000,000 more than in the previous eight

years. Are we to go on making debts,

creating offices for barnacles and build-

ing up trusts and other monopolies?

America can make its own price for

wheat, but this pleasant privilege is not

secured through the Dingley law. The

Dingley law has nothing to do with the

chief factor in the prosperity the farm-

ers are enjoying.

Justiceships in the United States Su-

preme Court should never be sold. They

should leave be sold at a time like this,

when confidence in higher courts has been

considerably weakened.

Every Christmas dinner which is sear-

soned with the consciousness of having

helped a hungry man, woman or child to

a good dinner, will taste better than it

otherwise would.

A contest between Tom Reed and the

Senate would be more interesting than a

fight between the President and both

Houses.

Mr. McKinley is realizing the truth of

Fred Grant's celebrated comment that

it is easier to handle a surplus than a

deficit.

It will not do for the pie consumers

to compare Mr. Filley to Judas Iscariot.

Mr. Iscariot had no revelations to make.

The Boston wool market is very quiet

and Dingley prices may keep it that

way.

A Post-Dispatch Christmas Carol.

From the Kansas City Star.

Is there any reason why Mr. Chauncey I.

Filley shouldn't write a sweet little Christ-

mas carol for the St. Louis paper to which

he is now contributing?

OUR LIVING PICTURES.

DR. OTTO LECHER.

This is a picture of one of the German

leaders in the Austrian Parliament who,

during the recent hubbub in that body, made

what has been considered a record speech.

He began talking at 9 p. m. and continued

until 9 a. m., just twelve hours, without

once sitting down or stopping except to take

a sip of black coffee. The speech was in

excellent form, without repetitions.

TICKLISH SITUATION.

Jokeleugh (eagerly, as he sees the editor

smile): It's a good joke, isn't it?

Editor: It is indeed. I laugh every time

I see that joke.

IN A NIGHT.

Plain Peter: How did you rise to your

present proud eminence?

Retired Puglist: Round by round.

MORE LIKE IT.

She: You have given her a ring, and she

is a woman with a past, too.

He: Well, if I have given her a ring she

seems to be a woman with a present.

TONIC WANTED.

"Do you know a good tonic for nervous

persons, Simpkins?"

"No; what I want to find is a good tonic

for people who have to live with them."

PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY!

TOYS

In Basement—Many of Them Less Than Cost.

Our great overflow of Toys, Dolls and Holiday Goods have been moved to the Basement, which makes it a Big Toy Store in itself—they're easy of access—don't have to take elevator. Dolls from a few pennies up, and every Toy and conceivable plaything for the girls, boys, children and babies, ranging in price from \$2.50 down to..... **5c**

XMAS

Tree Candles, From 5 to 10 Friday, 5c per box of 18 Candles. All sorts of Xmas Tree Ornaments from 1c up. Candles Holders, 5c per dozen.

Mufflers.

Men's Fine All-Wool Cashmere Mufflers, in stripes and solids, worth 65c, each **35c**

Buy Your Xmas Candy

Here and Save From 25 to 40 Per Cent.

Broken Mixed Candy, per pound..... **8c**
Peanut Candy, per pound..... **9c**
Cream Taffies and Caramel, per lb..... **10c**
French Mixed Candy, per pound..... **12½c**
French Nougat, per pound..... **15c**
All kinds of Chocolates, per pound..... **25c**
Fine Home-Made Xmas Candy, 25c a box.

AND at the Lowest Prices in St. Louis—convincing proofs of which are scattered all over this page—all over the store.

AND NOW, before the great rush and crush of next week—the few store-packed days just before Xmas—is the time to buy.

MUSIC SATURDAY EVENING (STORE OPEN) FROM 7 TO 9:30.

GRAND-LEADER
BROADWAY AND WASHINGTON
—STIX, BAER & FULLER—
The Fastest Growing Store in America—BROADWAY AND WASHINGTON.

HOLIDAY RIBBONS.

10,000 yards All-Silk, Satin and Gros-Grain, Double-Faced Satin, Moire, Taffeta, Roman Stripes, Checks, Plaids, Bayadere Stripes, and all the latest novelties in Plain and Fancy Ribbons, 4½ to 5 inches wide and worth from 50c to \$1 a yard; choice (a yard)..... **25c**
We can match any sample. Try us.

Fur Sets.

Children's Fur Sets, in Alpaca, Chinchilla, Lamb's Wool, Astrakhan, etc., ranging in price from \$1.50 down to a measly..... **49c**

Toys Horses.

Large life-like ones, with long mane and tail, fine saddle and bridle, worth regular \$2.50, our price, each..... **\$1.69**

Holiday Laces.

500 Pieces fine quality Point de Gaze, just bought of a large importer at exactly what the duty amounted to, and will be sold like this so long as they last:

Oriental Net, Point Venetian Fine Chantilly Laces, up to 7 inches wide and worth 50c—choice per yard, while it lasts..... **10c**

Fine Applique Laces—Point de Gaze, Venetian and Net, Top Oriental up to 7 inches wide and worth 50c—choice while they last..... **15c**

Holiday Patterns.

—the kind worth giving. Deep reductions have been made from regular prices for Friday and Saturday.

Surahs—2000 yards double warp Surah silks in a dozen or more new and handsome colors—very heavy and honestly worth the yard—choice long as they last (think of this value a minute), only a trifling 15c..... **15c**

Dress Patterns—7 yards of 40-inch lot, in all dark winter colorings, handsome and serviceable, worth \$2.40—per pattern..... **\$1.25**

7 yards of all-wool Ladies' Cloth or Tricot, in all the best colorings, regularly \$2.00—per pattern..... **\$1.60**

6-yard Dress Pattern of 46-inch wool French serge, in staple colors, worth \$3.50—per pattern..... **\$2.25**

6-yard pattern of 52-inch Black English cloth, with a superb flack, equal to any \$1.00 quality—Friday and Saturday, for 7-yard..... **\$1.75**

Skirt Patterns—5-yard 38-inch skirt Wool Broadcloth, in the Jacquard lizard and armie effects, worth \$2.25—per pattern..... **\$1.98**

Waist Patterns—A regular \$1.50 8-inch pure wool Scotch Plaid, in the latest and most striking combinations—per pattern..... **75c**

A 6-yard Waist Pattern of the Roman style, in all-wool, worth \$1.45—per pattern..... **\$1.45**

Trimmed Hats—Our Entire Stock divided into 4 lots.

Lot No. 1—Trimmed Felt Hats, Short Walking Hats, Back Sallors, Turbans, trimmed with best materials and very stylish—worth from \$3.00 to \$5.00..... **\$1.50**

Lot No. 2—Trimmed Velvet and Felt with wings, birds, plumes and novelty trimmings—worth from \$3.00 to \$7.00..... **\$2.50**

Lot No. 3—Nobby Trimmed Silk Velvet Hats, stylish Bonnets with handsome Plumes, chiffon Novelties, Trimmed with money, minkes and steel ornaments—worth from \$10.00 to \$12.00..... **\$5.00**

Lot No. 4—Choice of all our finest feathered hats on most of them are worth \$20.00 to \$25.00. They cost us from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Take choice for..... **\$10.00**

Boys' Clothing—Reduced.

PARENTS, your money will go further in clothing your Boys here Friday and Saturday than at any other store. Invest—lighten—compare—You'll save money doing so. These three bargains (and we have hundreds of others just as good) prove it:

Boys—Up to 10 years, in all-wool, French plaids and stylish mixtures, double seat and with double worn, nice fitting—regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 pants—choice Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.85**

Reefers for boys up to 16 years—good hilla—large storm collar, warm shepherd plaid linings—a bargain at \$5.00—choice Friday and Saturday..... **\$3.95**

Real Bargains in Upholstery Dept.

Table Covers for Xmas Presents—Tapestry Table Covers, choice designs, handsome colors, deep hand-knotted fringe, regular dining table size, worth \$4.50 each—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.75**

Piano and Knit—Tapestry, artistic patterns, beautiful colors, heavy knitted fringe, good wearing and cheap at \$6.00—choice Friday and Saturday..... **\$3.75**

Lace Bed Sets for Xmas Presents—Guipure Lace Bed Sets, pretty line patterns, with shams to match—exact reproduction of costly hand-made—regular \$4.00 value—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.50**

Real Irish Pot Luck Bed Sets, in made on fine bobbin, artistically hand-worked borders and center, shams to match—fine and truly beautiful \$10.00 goods, per set..... **\$6.50**

Sofa Pillows—Fancy large size, re-embroidered initial, Sofa Pillows, covered with silk tapestry and embroidered designs, finished with heavy silk cords or double cord, exquisite line of patterns, regular \$2.00 quality—Friday and Saturday..... **98c**

For Ladies and Babies.

In no other store can there be seen so many suitable and beautiful articles for Xmas Presents—such low, honest, store-crowding prices. Genuine and tempting bargains for Friday and Saturday.

Child's—Up to 4 years—in Fancy All-Wool Eider down, deep sailor collar, brain trimmed—regular \$1.98—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.98**

Infants—Long Bedford Cord or English Cashmere Gowns, handsomely trimmed with ribbon and braid—regular \$1.75—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.75**

Ladies' Fine Hand-made Fascinators of Ice Wool and Zephyr—large and in lovely designs—regular \$1.00 quality—Friday and Saturday..... **69c**

Ladies' Hand-made Ice Wool Square breakfast Shawls, black and cardinal—from \$2.50—choice \$1.98—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.98**

Skirts—Katted Skirts in stripes, plain colors or fancy—choice \$1.95—Friday and Saturday..... **95c**

Roman Stripes Saten—Katted Skirts in stripes, plain colors or fancy—choice \$1.95—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.25**

Imported—Katted Skirts in stripes, plain colors or fancy—choice \$1.95—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.98**

Heavy Rustling Taffeta Silk Under-skirts, umbrella style, pored nouces, deep ruffled bound and lace trimmed—cut down from \$15.95 (a Royal Bargain)..... **\$3.49**

Holiday Gloves.

As fit and givable gifts from gentlemen to lady, or vice versa, as one can think of. Our new store has become a glove headquarters. We're told this every day. Richness specials for Friday and Saturday.

Ladies' Kid Gloves, 5 large hooks, regular \$1.00 quality, black only—This Sale..... **75c**

Ladies' Kid Gloves, 2 clasps, pique or whipped seam, m.s., heavy embroidered backs, black and all colors, every pair perfectly fitted and warranted—This Sale..... **98c**

Ladies' French Kid 2-clasp or 5-hook on back, in all colors and black, choice in—This Sale..... **\$1.25**

Ladies' 7-hook, 5-hook, 4-hook, 3-hook, 2-hook, all colors and black—very fine \$2.00 gloves—choice Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.39**

Free! With every three pairs of Kid gloves in Paris Kid Gloves, 7-hook, 5-hook, 4-hook, 3-hook, 2-hook, all colors and black—very fine \$2.00 gloves—choice Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.39**

Mittens—Ladies' black, all-wool Mittens, regular \$1.00 quality, made and honestly worth 25c—This Sale..... **15c**

Gloves—Ladies' good cashmere gloves, with 5 large hooks, regular \$1.00 quality—Friday and Saturday..... **23c**

Mittens—Ladies' black silk Mittens, single and double width, all colors, regular \$1.00 quality—Friday and Saturday..... **49c**

Handkerchiefs.

"The Busy Corner"—It is easily Yuletide Headquarters for Handkerchiefs—those always needed and popular gifts. Genuine and tempting bargains for Friday and Saturday.

Free—Lovely Handkerchief Box given with every purchase of \$1.00 or more in Handkerchief Department.

Ladies' pure Linen Hemstitched and fine Swiss reversed Handkerchiefs, each, each..... **5c**

Men's large size, plain white, Union Linen Handkerchiefs, with either 1-in. or 2-in. hem, were sold at \$1.00—now, each..... **8c**

Ladies' pure Linen Handkerchiefs, nice and with pretty drawn corners, regular 20c..... **10c**

A splendid assortment of fine Swiss and pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with embroidered and lace edges, such as are used by sold at 30c and 40c; your choice at..... **25c**

Children's Plain White Hand-embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, a third of a dozen in pretty celluloid box, for only..... **25c**

Ladies' richly embroidered and Easloped Handkerchiefs—12 dozen in a very worth regularly 30c each..... **90c**

Al, per box..... **\$1.49**

Toy and Doll Headquarters.

NEVER such variety—never so many—never such low prices—than here—everything in the Toy and Doll world and at the lowest prices in St. Louis.

Wagons—Wood Express, new hand-some colors, fine long-lasting wheels—real big 6c ones for 2c, and the good sized regular 12-centers—Friday and Saturday..... **29c**

Steel Grocery or Milk Wagon, with two nice horses, movable legs and tail—the boys' much-wanted gift—fine \$2.99 kind—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.97**

Carts—2-wheel handwood—good ones that are nicely painted—2c quality—regular \$2.00—Friday and Saturday..... **5c**

China Closets—Latest style, with mirrors and large glass doors, in oak and mahogany—regular \$4.50 quality—This Sale..... **\$3.49**

Book Cases—In oak and mahogany—newest designs—beautiful little bookcases—No. 3, regular \$2.25, 22 grade, for \$2.25—No. 2, \$4.75 grade for \$2.25, and No. 1, \$2.99 quality—This Sale..... **\$2.75**

Chiffoniers—In oak and mahogany, with mirror, drawers, large regular \$4.00—choice \$2.97—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.97**

Kitchen Sates—Nearest ideas in regular \$1.95 quality—This Sale..... **\$1.29**

China Tea Sets—Large size—just the pretty regular \$2.49—choice \$2.49—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.49**

Toilet Sets—Of China—decorated washbowls, toothbrush holder, soap dish, chamber and bed room set—this Sale..... **49c**

Stoves—Nickel plated, all necessary utensils for cooking, fine regular \$4.00—choice \$2.97—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.97**

Other Stoves at..... **\$1.89, \$1.29, 97c**

And as low as 19c.

Patrol or "Hoodlum" Wagons—rich blue body, lovely red wheels, gay yellow stripes, cushioned seats for driver, the officers and hoodlums (in the costlier wagons), big, well made, beautiful wagons, with big, loud sounding gongs, \$6.98, down to a top one for..... **\$4.49**

Tricycles—Girls' with adjustable seat, steel and double spoke wheels, regular \$3.95 quality—This Sale..... **\$2.49**

Wheelbarrows—Fun Boys' Toys—Biggest ones, 3c—Large No. 2, 2c—Large No. 3, 1c—medium size in 15c—This Sale..... **15c**

Hobby Horses—Great fun for the babies and children—runs itself—regular price \$1.75—This Sale..... **\$2.49**

Motor Coaster—Newest Novelty—self-running—delights the children—regular price, \$2.75—This Sale..... **\$1.97**

Swinging Horses—Large 12-inch, handsomely painted, with bits, saddle, regular price, \$2.25—choice \$2.25—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.25**

Great, Big \$5.50 Swinging Horse for \$4.25.

Biggest Kind of a Swinging saddle, bridle and plush cover seat, long mane and beautiful tail—elegant \$5.50—Friday and Saturday..... **\$5.49**

Table Croquet for Children—extra large size, polished and in bright, hand-painted colors, cut to 97c—ball sets, 97c—ball sets, 97c, and 4-ball set—Friday and Saturday..... **35c**

Pianos—Immense assortment, right after the style of the day, great Steinway—best make of the up-right, regular \$7.50 quality—Friday and Saturday..... **\$5.49**

Smaller ones, ranging in price down to..... **79c**

Desks for big and little children—new in the department roller top desk, in enduring oak and nicely finished—the regular \$4.25—Friday and Saturday..... **\$4.25**

Fine Upright desks, highly finished—oak—11 different compartments—large mirror in top—regular \$6.50 quality—Friday and Saturday..... **\$4.98**

Other desks down to..... **\$1.19**

Dolls—The constant crowds this week have lowered the great stock, but we're still Doll Headquarters—the kid world, jointed and dressed dolls are still numerous and will be sold at still lower prices—25-inch dolls, long, flowing hair, bisque head, daintily dressed—each, \$2.00—beauties. This Sale..... **\$1.19**

OTHER DOLLS, 97c, 69c, 49c, 29c, 19c.

Sleeping Dollies—Kid body, fine beautiful, fair, dressed like a queen—\$3.00 quality—This Sale..... **\$2.69**

Other Fine Dolls Up, Step by Step, to \$12.00 and Over.

Pretty Baskets—Too Many of them to list—needed sort of Useful, everlasting presents.

PRICES CUT INTO SHREDS, To Close Right Out Friday and Saturday, ON THIRD FLOOR.

Fancy Work and Sewing Baskets—Scrap, Infants' and Brush and White Broom Holders—Newspaper, Match, Mandi—at the lowest prices ever named. Just look at the Reductions for Friday and Saturday:

Baskets worth up to \$1.75, for..... **98c**

Baskets worth up to \$1.25, for..... **69c**

Baskets worth up to 90c, for..... **39c**

The Very Finest Baskets Just as Cheap.

JEWELRY—FANCY GOODS.

Jewelry—The good and dependable sort only, and at prices ranging from 25 to 40 per cent UNDER the high prices. In scores of styles, settings, etc., and every kind of stones—regular \$1.00 quality for..... **98c**

Rings—Fine line of set and band rings—regular \$2.00 down to..... **25c**

Pins—10 great extra fine Brilliant Lace encircling colored stones in centers—Real pretty and artistic—cheap at \$1.00—choice \$1.00—Friday and Saturday..... **49c**

Ladies' Fancy Cluster Ear Rings—In different Colored stones and white—very nice—choice \$2.00—regular 10c goods—This Sale..... **21c**

Bon Bon Boxes, 100 fancy ones—also Pocket-imitation top—daily..... **24c**

Star Lace Pins—very brilliant stones—choice assortment—From \$2.50 down to..... **25c**

Emerald and Jeweled Top Hat Pins—choice assortment—ranging from the decorative to the really fine—choice \$1.00—Friday and Saturday..... **98c**

Opera Glasses—Fine assortment—ranging from the decorative to the really fine—choice \$1.00—Friday and Saturday..... **98c**

Pearl Opera Glasses—200, in dark lenses, each in fine case, choice \$2.00—choice \$2.00—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.98**

Hair—Guaranteed 925-1000 fine, in new, beautiful part—choice \$2.48—Friday and Saturday..... **\$2.48**

Fans—Most fit and acceptable gift from gentleman to lady—thousands of them—select gathering of them—choice \$1.00—Friday and Saturday..... **63c**

Bronzes—Beautiful assortment of real Bronzes—enamelled in fancy colorings and jeweled—in such places as Pin Cushions, Bracket Stands, Thermometers, Ink Wells, Watch Stands, Candle Holders and many other things specially made (and imported) for dainty and novel Holiday Gifts—choice \$1.00—Friday and Saturday..... **49c**

Gift Boxes—A rare and liberal gathering of artistic and beautiful Celluloid Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Working and Sewing Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Dainty Jewel Boxes and the rest of them at—choice in This Sale, for..... **98c**

Glove and Handkerchief Sets of fine Celluloid Boxes with novel, old shaped feet—exquisitely lithographed—power types—all colors and designs—choice \$1.00—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.25**

Fancy Glove and Handkerchief Sets—fancy colored per set..... **49c**

Gift Holiday Glove and Handkerchief Sets, celluloid and with sorted colors, some with fancy topi and worth 80c, choice in This Sale, set..... **69c**

Fancy Celluloid Work Boxes, with bone fittings and pretty pictures on lids, a leading bargain at..... **25c**

Holiday Boxes of Leatherette, large size, for neckwear, collars, cuffs, gloves, handkerchiefs, etc., with work (gloves, for instance) on each box in beautiful floral design—choice \$1.00—Friday and Saturday..... **25c**

Toilets—Welcome, inexpensive gifts—per-fancy bottles, in handsome, choice in This Sale..... **25c**

Large fancy bottles in lovely boxes—delicious odors—some two in box, all odors and overflowing value—choice, per box, This Sale..... **49c**

Select assortment of unique and fancy pack-ages and high grade goods at special low-close prices.

Ostrich Feather Bows—another new lot—just of those high opera shoe decorations—1½ and 1½ yards long—regular \$3.69—choice \$3.69—Friday and Saturday..... **\$3.69**

Fancy Feather Bows—nearly 1000 very pretty light colors, 1½ yards long, and worth \$1.75—This Sale..... **98c**

Holiday Gift China.

This inviting department, on 4th floor, next door to our great special Toy Store, is fairly bristling with tempting bargains:

Lamps—Very pretty decorated Banquet Lamps, with globe and foot, regular \$1.79—choice \$1.79—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.79**

Vases—In many unique and graceful shapes, very pretty decorated with gold and flowers—regular price \$1.80—Friday, each..... **89c**

China Dishes—of all kinds and shapes, richly decorated and, well worth \$2.00—Friday, each..... **97c**

Olive Dishes—of brilliantly cut crystal, handles, and worth \$2.00—Friday and Saturday..... **97c**

Salad Bowls—of richly cut glass, in hand-some patterns, and worth \$2.75—our price, each..... **\$2.45**

Child's Sets.

Knife, fork, spoon and napkin ring, triple silver plated or best white metal, put up in neat box—worth \$2.50—per set..... **25c**

Doll Carriages—Of Rattan, handsomely upholstered, silk trimmings, well made, nicely painted, smart, styles—lovely vehicles that are worth \$5.00—This Sale..... **\$4.97**

Other Carriages..... **\$3.97, \$2.97, \$1.97 and as low as 19c**

Umbrellas.

Sale gift and very much needed article for all—St. Louis—this season.

Initials engraved on all Umbrellas from \$2.00 and upward..... **FREE!**

Men's 26 and 28 inch Umbrellas, leather case, paragon frame, steel rod and sterling silver trimmed, natural wood handles, sold regularly by Cloth, Hat, Shoe and Furnishing Goods Houses at \$2.00—This Sale..... **\$1.25**

Men's Fine All-Silk 26 and 28-inch Umbrellas—beautiful assortment of handles, such as Ivory, Bone, Natural Wood, Silver-Trimmed, Small, Dresden, etc.—ranging from \$1.25 up, step by step (and every price shows a saving of 25 per cent at least)..... **\$15.00**

Ladies' fine all silk 26-inch Umbrellas, steel rod, case and tassel, fancy silver trimmed, natural wood handles, sold regularly by Cloth, Hat, Shoe and Furnishing Goods Houses at \$1.75—choice \$1.75—Friday and Saturday..... **\$1.75**

Canes

Men's and Boys' Combination Canes, pen, pencil and inkstand—very last imported novelty and positively worth \$1.00 (in fact, is being advertised in the East at \$1.25) for..... **49c**

Neckwear—Popular, Useful, Graceful Presents. Large, fine and well-selected stock—the best of any in town. Scarves, Four-in-Hands, Imperial Four-in-Hands, the New Bow, New Ties, New Neckties, the rest of them in solid colors, dark colors, gay colors, quiet colors, put up in lace emb. boxes—regular \$2.00—Friday and Saturday..... **39c**

Special from 8 to 12 Friday.

For the above four hours Friday we'll sell a special lot of fine silk neck scarves, the four morning and night one in a box—regular \$2.00 quality—choice for..... **29c**

ANNEXATION TREATY

THE ADMINISTRATION'S HAWAIIAN POLICY SEEMS SURE OF BEING ADOPTED.

HOAR AND OTHERS WEAKEN.

Pettigrew the Only Republican Senator Now Opposed and Democrats Are Falling In.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—There has been a decided change in the situation of the Hawaiian treaty within the last few days and the members of the Committee on Foreign Relations are now quite confident of its ratification. Senator Hoar says he is not opposed to the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands as a territory provided the rights of the natives are thoroughly protected. He is, however, opposed to Hawaii as a State and will resist any attempt to deprive the natives of a fair share in the responsibilities and the privileges of government. He also says that under no circumstances will he antagonize the President and expects to have a consultation with him within a very few days to ascertain his wishes concerning annexation and other subjects.

Nor does Mr. Hoar think there is any intention on the Republican side to interfere with the policy of the administration in foreign affairs. He considers it the duty of every loyal Republican to stand with the administration.

Senator Morrill of Vermont has also been a skeptic on the Hawaiian question and was counted against ratification, but like Mr. Hoar, he is coming around all right. Mr. Hale, who was also counted with the opposition, is quite indignant, because he has never wavered.

This leaves Mr. Pettigrew as the only Republican Senator opposed to annexation. Senators Morgan and McKim have commenced active operations on the Democratic side and are making a thorough canvass in behalf of ratification. The action of the Democratic members of the House in caucus in leaving the Hawaiian question for each man to vote according to his own judgment, takes it out of the list of political issues, and makes it easier for Mr. Morgan and Mr. McKim to secure votes. Although the fate of the treaty has seemed doubtful ever since the assembling of Congress, the prospect is now more hopeful than it ever has been.

BREAKING ALL RECORDS!

The Grand-Leader's Banner Day.

The Grand Leader is certainly a remarkable store. It has been called "The Gibraltar against high prices." It is certainly breaking records almost every day now, its aggregate sales being something enormous. The Post-Dispatch has heard so much about its immense business and the vast throngs that are daily surging into the popular house that the writer was directed to go down and look for the "fastest growing store in America."

The visions that this so much talked about store presents to the eye are only what he could make the readers of the Post-Dispatch see these visions of color—of beauty—of Santa Claus—of splendor! And such great stocks—such overwhelming crowds—such throngs—everywhere in good humor, even where dozens were squeezing about where there was scarcely room for half a dozen. It is the most crowded store in St. Louis beyond doubt.

We asked the superintendent how he accounted for such great crowds—such wonderful business—such throngs—such splendor! He said that he had been told by the Post-Dispatch that the store was "the fastest growing store in America." He said that he had been told by the Post-Dispatch that the store was "the fastest growing store in America." He said that he had been told by the Post-Dispatch that the store was "the fastest growing store in America."

The beautiful compliments many of the patrons pay to the store are something that impress the thoughtful and observing. The writer heard these and many more among Wednesday's great crowd. "How large and nice the elevators are," "Beautiful store," "The Post-Dispatch is so much like the Eastern stores," "Yes, like Wanamaker's," "Did you ever see such a toy store?" "Never in St. Louis."

BURSTING OF A FLY WHEEL.

Accident That Caused One Death and Many Injuries.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—One man was killed, one fatally injured and a number of others slightly hurt by the bursting of a fly wheel at the South Third street plant of the Oliver Iron and Steel Co. at an early hour this morning. The names are: Adam Brown, wire drawer, aged 30 years, killed instantly.

Frank Roen, wire drawer, fatally injured. Joseph Brown, engineer, arm broken. Andrew Kozmatik, a laborer, injured about the back and head.

The others who were injured were able to go to their homes. The accident was caused by the engine becoming unworkable. The fly wheel was 15 feet in diameter and weighed several tons. The engine was not working and the fly wheel was in the way of the engine. The engine was not working and the fly wheel was in the way of the engine.

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Half Mattresses, for full size beds, 40 pounds standard weight. \$15 each

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DE PUE'S TRUMP CARD.

Mysterious Woman, Who It Is Claimed Will Clear Him.

The trial of Charles De Pue for the murder of old Morris Pletch on Dec. 10, 1896, was resumed Thursday morning at 11:30.

Louis Hughes, a colored man, husband of the witness who testified for the State Wednesday, was the first called Thursday morning at 10:30.

Mr. Hughes, who lives at 1208 North Twelfth street, over the store in which the tragedy was committed.

He testified to having been aroused the night of the murder by pistol shots. He ran down and found a young man run past his door. He took two boys, near the grocery door, with the shooting. They were taken to the store in which the tragedy was committed.

Witness entered the store and found the old man breathing his last.

On cross-examination a long and tedious squabble ensued between counsel over the admission of testimony of the witness.

Mr. Morgan objected to the reading of this entire testimony, which would have

been the testimony of the witness who testified for the State Wednesday.

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LILIAN'S ODD LETTER.

POST-DISPATCH INFORMED BY MAIL THAT SHE "INTENDS TO END IT ALL."

HER LOVE SENT TO LEO MARKS.

Indications Are That the Writer Is the Wayward Daughter of a Mrs. Fisher.

The following letter was received at the Post-Dispatch office at noon Thursday. It bore the post mark of "Station P" and the mailing time was marked "10 a. m."

To the Post-Dispatch—By the time this is received I hope to be where no one will ever see or hear of me, and it is all my mother's and step-father's fault. God knows I have tried to be a good girl, but all I bear from morning to night is a curse and a scolding. I have fully intended to end it all. God help and protect my two innocent little sisters. I have done wrong, but I was driven to it by two parents. They have ruined the man I love. They have persecuted him. If I were only a girl of age I would release him. God help Leo Marks, but he is not as unhappy as the one that loves him. I send my love to all who claim to be my friends, and love to my sisters, remember, sisters, that you have a sister, Lilian, who loves you. Love to Leo Marks and good-by to all. Heartbroken.

LILIAN M.—

I am only a girl of 18, but I have seen lots since the 16th of August, 1896.

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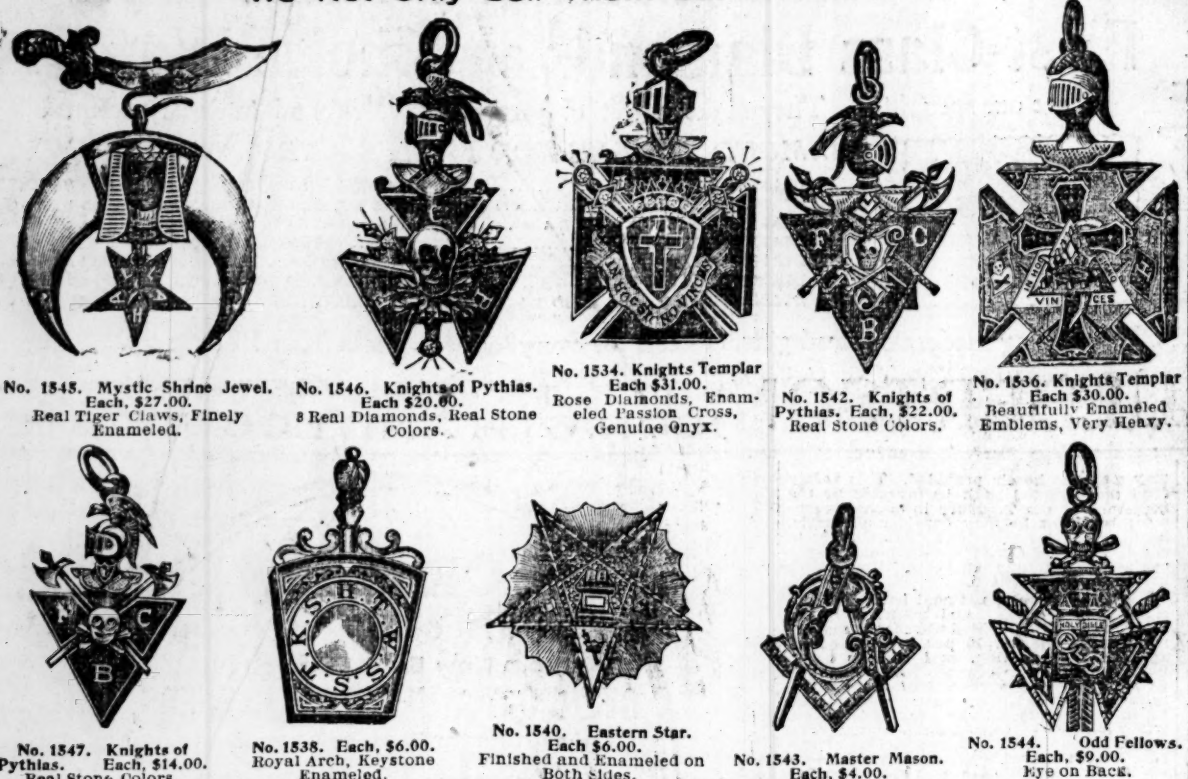
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POLITICAL PURITY THE CRY.

Clean Candidates and a Clean-Cut
Practical Organization Needed
to Restore Democracy.

"An anti-Brady delegation will be filed in every ward in this city at the next primary and the fight will continue until the forces of corruption are driven from the field."

Thus said a prominent member of the Jefferson Club Thursday morning. He had attended a conference of the Jefferson Club members held Wednesday night at the Young Men's Christian Association Building.

"Clean candidates and a clean-cut, practical organization will win next time, but nothing else can," he continued. "The Jefferson Club proposes to head the movement and therefore does not want Brady or his friends inside its ranks. The odor of Bradyism on a man's clothes will defeat him for office in this city and clean politicians are beginning to see it."

"Bradyism has thrived and grown fat through organization. Organization can alone defeat the supremacy of this element in local politics. Such organization has nearly reached completion. A new coalition of forces is forming that will be offered by determined men, who have had a practical as well as theoretical training in politics, and we propose to meet the boss buccannan and his crew on their own grounds at the spring election."

"Right at the head of this movement will be found the Jefferson Club, which, in conjunction with the League of Democratic Clubs, the Jackson Club, the independent voters in each ward and the labor vote will form a combination that will mean a Waterloo for Bradyism in this town. The people are ripe for a political revolution of this wholesome kind, and it will come."

AN HOUR IN HADES.

The Story of Two Letters.

For many minutes Philip Watson had sat motionless at his desk in the cozy, well-lighted library of a handsome cottage in the suburbs of a Western city, staring dumbly at the closely written pages of a letter that lay open before him.

He had read, and reread, it until every word was seared into his brain. It seemed too horrible, too monstrous to be true. It must be a dream, a hideous nightmare of the imagination. He would awaken soon and find her still there—the bonny, young bride he had taken to his heart and home only a short twelve months before.

His Florence gone and left him—deserted him for another man? O, no, it could not, it must not be. And yet, there was the letter. It was her handwriting, the signature was hers, the words—ah, what bitter, accusing words they were—too, were hers.

Picking up the letter he read it once more, in the stolid, hopeless manner in which a condemned murderer listens to his death warrant.

"My Dear Husband—It would seem strange to address you by any other term, so for the last time I shall call you that. I say the last time and I mean it, for when you read these words the sacred names of husband and wife will have no further meaning for us, as I shall then be, not in the eyes of the law, perhaps, but in my heart and in the sight of the being who alone has the right to judge me, the wife of another."

"When I stood with you at the altar, one brief year ago, and trustingly gave my future happiness into your keeping, I little dreamed that I should ever be driven to take the step I am about to take."

"I know what the world will say. I know that on my weak shoulders will fall all the blame, while you will receive only pity and condolences; yet even that will not suffice to hold me back. You and I, at least, will know the truth; but best, in the bitter bitterness of your resentment, you should forget some part of it. I will here set it down."

"In the days of our courtship—a thousand years ago, it seems, as I look back at it tonight—you fed me on honeyed words and phrases, and poured unceasing flattery into my willing ear. After we were wedded and

you had grown weary of me, as a child grows weary of a new toy, the empty husk of love would have been grateful to my starving soul, but I did not receive even them—nothing but neglect."

"Sometimes you spoke lightly of love and kissed me, but not often, and when you did there was in the touch of your lips the note of the 'warmth,' the joyous electric thrill of old, nothing but the careless and perfunctory performance of a distasteful duty."

"The love, the companionship of a husband is sweeter than all other, but if that be denied her she must seek elsewhere for the love and sympathy which her heart craves. I did not seek it; it came to me unsought, and as I possess no longer any share in your love, I must needs accept that."

"It was you who trampled on the tender buds of womanly affection in my bosom, by studied indifference and neglect, and then left him to bind them up and watch over and coax them into bloom."

"Yes, Philip, it is all your own doing, and although it may humble your pride somewhat to find that I have at last taken you at your word (unspoken, it is true, but none the less the reality), I believe and trust you will be happier without me."

"As for myself, whatever my future may be, I cannot be more miserable than I have been for the past two months—neglected and, shall I say, despised—by the very man who had vowed to love, cherish and protect me through life."

"I have one final request to make of you. In the first rush of your blind rage (not at the trivial loss of an unloved and unappreciated wife, but at the indignity that has been put upon you as a husband), you feel that you must wipe out the stain on your honor by shedding blood, please spare him and kill me! I alone am to blame."

"To you remember the last time you kissed my lips upon returning from your office. But of course you do not. You have so many more important matters to occupy your mind!"

"That event was a little thing, the ver-

est trifle to you; to me it was an epoch, a milestone marking the spot where our paths diverged. Aug. 7 was the date, only two short months ago; yet those months without your kisses have been an eternity to me!"

"Do you remember, Philip, how I sprang to welcome you upon your return that day and put up my lips for the usual kiss, and you tried to brush me aside with your such schoolgirl foolishness? And do you remember how I clung to you until I got the kiss—the last you have ever given me?"

"This is a rambling, incoherent letter, but such as it is it has come straight from my heart. A soul writhing in agony does not stop to choose its words. I do not ask you to forgive me—there is nothing to forgive; all I ask of you is to forget me as speedily as possible; and when you have succeeded in doing this (it ought not to take long seeing you have already half forgotten me) I know you will be far happier than I have ever made you."

"If you wish to send me a parting word, or have any communication for me, you may address it to my maiden name, care of general post-office, Chicago, and it will reach me safely. Once more, farewell, and may heaven help us both! FLORENCE."

There was a picture of his wife hanging on the wall beside his desk. Pausing in front of it, he held out his hands, as if in supplication.

"My God! my God!" he groaned; "she is gone beyond recall, and I—how can I face the world without her? What shall I do?" Already his mind was made up, and, seizing paper and pencil, he hastily dashed off the following note:

"My Poor Neglected Darling—It is with deepest sorrow I have read your farewell letter, and though shocked and stunned by the calamity which has fallen upon me, I have no words of reproach for you. It is wholly my fault."

"Your accusing words have stabbed me to the heart, but they are true—God pity and forgive me!—they are true. I have slighted and neglected you, shamefully, cruelly neglected you; but it was more from thoughtlessness than anything else."

"I am a man, and judged woman's feelings from a man's standpoint. I was blind, forgetful, and did not think of your loneliness, nor of the heart that was breaking at home."

"I remember the occasion of which you speak. Business had gone wrong two days, and I was cross and irritable. I did not mean to treat you as roughly as I did, but after it was done, and the words were

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confess my fault, but alas! I find I am too late. I have forever driven from my side the woman to whom I was bound by the most sacred of ties, the woman who one year ago placed her life happiness and her honor in my keeping."

"I have failed in the great trust I took upon myself, and there is but one way in which I can make reparation, and that is to take myself out of the world as quickly as possible, and leave you legally free to

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LETTERMAN PAY CASH FOR WHEAT.

He Expects to Receive All That He Has Bought.

SAYS THERE IS NO CORNER.

DECLARES HE WILL SHIP HIS PURCHASES TO EASTERN POINTS FOR STORAGE.

ARMOUR TALKS HIGH PRICES.

He Thinks There Is Good Value in Wheat and Believes That It Will All Be Wanted by Consumers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—In an interview Joseph Letterman, who is at the head of the December wheat deal, said he expected to pay cash for all the wheat delivered to him and to ship it out of Chicago. "How much wheat do I expect to get?" he said, in response to a question. "That is getting a little too exact. The elevator people say that I will get all the wheat I have bought. If I say how much cash wheat I expect to get then everybody will know as well as I do about how much wheat I have bought. I will keep that to myself. My plan it to ship my property away. I did that in the fall and it was successful. I can get a great deal cheaper storage rates at Buffalo, New York or Boston than I can here. The rates are closed, but the grain can be sent by rail about as cheap as it could have been sent by lake and rail. Most of it will go out. That has been settled. There isn't any corner, a corner has never been contemplated; there won't be any. There is still much uncertainty as to how much wheat will be loaded upon Letterman and his associates.

There is an idea that Letterman has eight million bushels bought, and if these figures are realized there will be still left shorts to the extent of 2,000,000 bushels to help pay toward the campaign expenses. Letterman has unquestionably forced some settlements already.

It is said Armour will deliver almost four million bushels of wheat in December. The delivery contracts may end the campaign, and it may not. Letterman will ship his wheat, sell it and take his profit, as it turns out. But the shipment of so large a line of wheat will have a great effect on the bull and January and May futures, and Letterman may turn up as a holder of those months. This is a cash wheat deal, and in case the wheat stock is moved away.

Mr. Armour was asked as to his views on the situation and dictated the following: "I think there is excellent value in wheat. I believe it will all be wanted in the end. Values at the moment here in Chicago are perhaps a little fictitious, but it will all regulate itself in time. The consumer undoubtedly will buy this wheat, and he will ultimately buy it at higher than these present prices. As a warehouse man and merchant I am bringing wheat here because this at the present time is the highest market in the world, and I have been able to bring wheat here at the margin offered from all these Western points. But I do not think there is a great deal more to come. In fact, the time is not very long to bring it here. Most of the wheat by vessel has been received here in 8 or 9 days ago. More brought here by water. But there is enough in transit now and in process of being loaded to make a high price practically to the end of the month. I have no doubt that the parties getting this wheat will market it to the consumer at a profit. The present prices, although they perhaps might have bought it a little cheaper than to have had it brought here artificially."

ONE ROMANCE SPOILED.

The Bride Backed Out When She Saw the Groom.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—As the guests invited to attend the wedding of Miss Florence Shepherd to Thomas Lee Deshong alighted from their carriages at the entrance of Christ Episcopal Church at Woodlawn last evening they were met by an announcement posted on the door to the effect that the marriage ceremony was not to be performed. Word was given to the members of fashionable Woodlawn society circles returned to their homes.

Mr. Deshong resides in Little Rock, Ark., and young people have been practically engaged since his family is said to be wealthy. The bride, Miss Shepherd, was a daughter of the late Mrs. Deshong, who was a well-known figure in the city. She has not seen her intended husband for several years, and when he appeared she declined to marry him.

EXCITEMENT AT HAYTI.

All Sorts of Interesting Events Occurring on the Little Island.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Port-au-Prince, Hayti, says: The population is becoming more excited instead of calmer and the Government is preparing to take drastic measures to prevent an outbreak. The situation is becoming very critical in the interior, where there is much discontent. All those leave for officers and men of the United States cruiser Marlborough, has been temporarily stopped for fear of the fever.

Another German warship is expected to arrive here on the 20th. News has reached here of a revolt at Jacmel. On Monday a determined attempt was made to seize the Government offices. The insurgents were repelled, seven were killed and fifteen wounded.

SAN FRANCISCO'S MYSTERY.

No Clue Found to the Murder of Mrs. Mary Clute.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—No one has yet been arrested for the murder of Mrs. Mary Clute, who was found dead in a Guerrero street last year. The case has been allowed to go free. Harry A. Jackson, who was convicted of the murder of a woman, is now in the city. The police have been unable to find any clue to the identity of the man who assassinated and murdered the young married woman.

DOES NOT LIKE MEN.

Miss Lucy Bean Shoots a Male Trespasser on Her Farm.

WABASH, Ind., Dec. 15.—Lucy Bean, a spinster, residing on a farm six miles east of this city, shot and seriously wounded John Webb, the farm on which Miss Bean lived had been sold at sheriff's sale some time ago, and was purchased by Emmanuel Beitman. An agent had granted Webb permission to cut some fallen timber for wood about a month ago, and when he went after the wood Miss Bean drove him off the farm. In the afternoon he called at the farm again, and Miss Bean interviewed him with a repeating rifle. Dr. John Reuter of Lago was called, but could not locate the bullet.

QUESTON ROPE ON DUTY AGAIN.

Will Be Used at the Execution of William Carr.

PREPARATIONS ALL MADE.

CARR RAGES AND WEEPS BECAUSE HIS WIFE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT HIM.

THERE SEEMED GOOD REASON.

The Woman Had Made Some Peculiar Inquiries of a Physician as to Which Is the Most Deadly Poison.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 15.—William Carr will be hanged with the rope that hanged Arthur Daestrow, the millionaire murderer of St. Louis. Two negroes were hanged in St. Louis with the same rope. Carr will be the fourth man to dangle at the end of it. It is a sixteen-strand hand-made hemp rope. Sheriff Hymer of Clay County says it is a good enough rope to last for years yet, and to hang a dozen more murderers with. Sheriff Hymer borrowed the rope from Sheriff Peter Kerth of St. Louis County.

Carr will be bound with the straps, and his head will be covered by the black cap used in Jackson County in hanging Martin Reed, John Clark, Harry Jones and Phil Martin.

Carr will be hanged between 10 and 11 o'clock Friday morning in an inclosure side of the Court-house in Liberty. The board fence of the inclosure will be twenty-four feet high. About 300 people will be admitted to see Carr hanged.

Sheriff Hymer will have plenty of expert assistance in hanging Carr. There will be present Sheriff Peter Kerth of St. Louis; Sheriff Dillingham of Platte; Sheriff Dick Green of Ray; Sheriff R. C. Woodward of Clinton; Sheriff Myers of Grundy, and the Sheriffs of Cass, Lafayette and Vernon Counties, besides other sheriffs from counties in other states. The Sheriff of Ford County has written to Sheriff Hymer that he would be here. One sheriff of Iowa and several from Kansas have sent word that they will be present. Carr's present condition is such that he is unable to stand. He is lying in bed, and his body is covered with sores. He is very weak, and his mind is wandering. He is very nervous, and he is very much afraid of the execution. He is very much afraid of the execution. He is very much afraid of the execution.

Carr became violently angry yesterday afternoon when he was taken to the place where he would be hanged. He was very much afraid of the execution. He is very much afraid of the execution. He is very much afraid of the execution.

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ISSUE AND REDEMPTION.

Gage's Plan in the Hands of the Committee.

\$125,000,000 GOLD AND SILVER

THIS SUM IS TO BE SET APART FOR THE REDEMPTION OF PAPER MONEY.

REISSUED FOR GOLD ONLY.

The Secretary's Bill Now Before Congress Is the Plan for the Retirement of Greenbacks Advocated in McKinley's Message.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Secretary Gage says of his financial bill: "The objects I have in mind are four in number:

1. To commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard; remove, so far as possible, doubts and fears on that point and thus strengthen the credit of the United States, both at home and abroad.

2. To strengthen the Treasury in relation to its demand liabilities, in which are included greenbacks, Treasury notes and the incidental obligations to maintain on a parity, through interchangeability with gold, so far as may be necessary, the present large volume of silver certificates and silver dollars.

3. To do this in such a way as not to contract the volume of circulation in the hands of the people.

4. To take an initial step toward a system of bank note issues without the conditional deposit of public bonds as security therefor. If we prosper as a people the revenue of the Government ought to be somewhat in advance of its expenditures, and the public debt of the United States should gradually be reduced and finally extinguished. Looking at the question widely, from my best point of knowledge and experience, I feel that if these could be secured the condition of the Government, in its relation to the currency, would be safer and stronger than now, and that through the operation of national bank note currency the commercial and industrial interests of the United States would be greatly advantaged."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Secretary Gage's financial bill, submitted to-day to the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives, is as follows: "National bank notes shall be redeemed in gold, and a division of issue and redemption in the Treasury of the United States, and to modify existing laws respecting National banks; and for other purposes."

Be it enacted, etc., that there be established in the Treasury Department, as a part of the office of the Treasurer of the United States, a division to be designated and known as the Division of Issue and Redemption, to which shall be assigned, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury, all records and accounts relating to the issue, redemption and circulation of the United States paper money. There shall be transferred to the general fund in the Treasury of the United States and taken up on the books of said division as a redemption fund the sum of \$125,000,000 in United States gold coin and bullion, and such further sums of gold and silver dollars as may be required for the redemption of the United States paper money. The said redemption fund shall be maintained in the Treasury of the United States, and shall be available for the redemption of the United States paper money, and shall be subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall be authorized to draw therefrom for the redemption of the United States paper money, and shall be subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall be authorized to draw therefrom for the redemption of the United States paper money.

Sec. 2. That all United States notes, Treasury notes of 1890 and silver certificates of 1890, shall be redeemed from the redemption fund herein provided in accordance with the existing laws, but the notes and certificates so redeemed shall be held in and constitute a part of said fund, and shall not be withdrawn from said fund nor disbursed except in exchange for an equal amount of gold coin or silver dollars, and shall be subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall be authorized to draw therefrom for the redemption of the United States paper money, and shall be subject to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall be authorized to draw therefrom for the redemption of the United States paper money.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury is and is hereby authorized to receive as the Treasury any of the outstanding bonds known as the 5 per centum bonds of 1891 and the 4 per centum bonds of 1891, respectively, under the act approved Jan. 14, 1875, and the acts approved July 14, 1890, and Jan. 30, 1891, and to issue in exchange therefor coupon or registered bonds of the United States in such form as he may prescribe, in denominations of \$50 or some multiple of that sum bearing interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States, after ten years from the date of their issue; and the bonds hereby authorized shall be payable in principal and interest in United States gold coin of the present standard value, and shall be exempt from all taxation by or under State, municipal or local authority; provided that none of the bonds hereby authorized shall be received at a valuation greater than their present worth to yield an income of 2 1/2 per centum per annum; and that the bonds hereby authorized shall be issued at not less than par.

Sec. 4. That the bonds authorized by this act and any other bonds of the United States may be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States as security for the circulation notes of national banking associations, and any national banking association which may deposit the bonds hereby authorized to be deposited as security for its circulating notes shall be entitled to receive from the Comptroller of the Currency and to issue such notes to an amount equal to the face value of such bonds; provided that the aggregate amount of bonds deposited by any national banking association under any law shall not exceed the amount of its capital; and provided, further, that nothing herein shall be construed to modify or repeal the provisions of section 3,637 and section 3,671 of the Revised Statutes, authorizing the Comptroller of the Currency to require additional deposit of bonds or of lawful money in case the market value of the bonds held to secure the circulating notes shall fall below the par value of the circulating notes outstanding for which such bonds may be deposited as security.

Sec. 5. That any national banking association which deposit of bonds is less than the amount of its capital may deposit with the Treasurer of the United States notes, Treasury notes of 1890 and silver certificates deposited by any national banking association shall not exceed the amount of its capital; provided, that the aggregate amount of bonds deposited with the Treasurer of the United States shall not exceed the sum of \$200,000,000.

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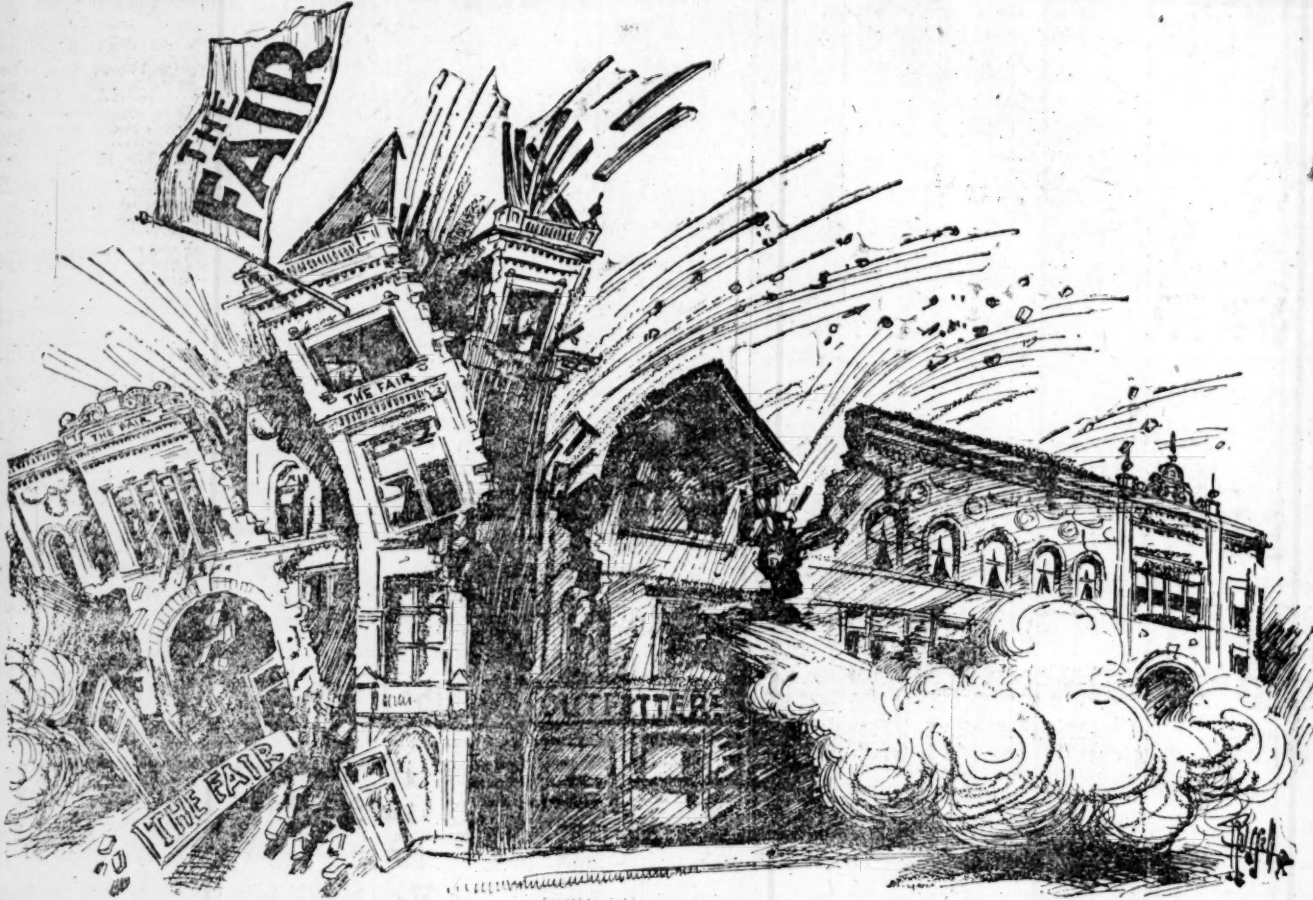
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The most important fight event since the Corbett-Fitzsimmons affair will be brought off at New York tomorrow night. Kid McCoy and Dan Creedon meet then, and those "in the know" predict a royal battle when they meet.

The betting is 10 to 8 now in New York, with McCoy as the favorite.

The fairly believe that McCoy will win, because he is taller and has a longer reach than the other.

Throughout Creedon's career he has been renowned for his ability to break taller men than himself all to pieces through his aggressive body punching.

The first time that the Australian ran up against a taller man whose body he could not get near to was when he met Joe Choynski in Chicago about two years ago. Choynski's left hand killed Creedon's face so full of gloves that the latter found it an impossibility to get inside to get a crack at his heavier and taller opponent. Choynski never laid his right hand on Creedon's face or body during the entire six rounds that they contested. The Californian was satisfied to hook and jab with his quicker hand, although it did not do so much execution with one blow as his right, rather than run a chance of letting the Australian get inside of his guard and have his body at his mercy.

This contest with Choynski comes nearer to giving a line on the two men than any other in their career, for just one year and one day after his meeting with Creedon, which took place at Tattersall's at Chicago on the night of March 21, 1895, Choynski and "Kid" McCoy met in a contest, which was to have been ten rounds in a decision, but through police interference was changed into a four two-minute-round "friendly" exhibition.

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On the other hand, McCoy likes to fight at long range, believing in jabbing his opponent and gradually wearing him down. He does not believe in taking any chances and is not near so effective at judging as he is at long range. McCoy's style of fighting resembles Corbett's.

Creedon weighs exactly 160 pounds and looks lean as a greyhound. It is questionable if he was ever better prepared for a contest.

Fugillistic records all question Creedon with standing 5 feet 8½ inches tall. Careful measurement 3½ days disclosed the fact that he is but 5 feet 7½ inches in height, which gives McCoy (5 feet 11 inches) an advantage of 2½ inches.

The tape was next used on his arms, and with both extended at right angles to his body he showed from tip to tip of middle fingers 5 feet 10½ inches. From the arm pit to the middle finger, Creedon measures 30 inches, against 33½ inches for McCoy. With fist closed, Creedon's measurement from arm pit to knuckle is 27 inches, as against 31 inches for his opponent.

Creedon will have but three men in his corner during the bout. They are Joe Choynski, regarded as one of the best seconds in the ring; Tom Tracey, half-brother to the principal, and Benny Murphy, one of the most popular of trainers.

McCoy has selected five men to assist him during the struggle. They are Nate Fenon of Baltimore as promoter; Jack Fogarty of Philadelphia, Tommy West, the well-known middleweight, and Doc Payne of Cleveland.

Griffin on Earth Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—The boxing contest between light-weights Lavigne and Griffin will come off next Wednesday night in Oakland, under the auspices of the Occidental Athletic Club, which was organized yesterday for the stated purpose of handling fights for which permits could not be obtained in this city. The boxing exhibition will be held in the Exposition building on Twelfth street.

Haggin Will Not Marry.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 16.—James E. Haggin, the millionaire turfman and miner of California, has arrived here to-day from Versailles, where he has been visiting the family of his brother-in-law, Banker James P. Amedee. When asked regarding the report that he is to marry Miss Pearl Voorpey one day this week, Mr. Haggin said: "There is not one word of truth in that report." Further than this Mr. Haggin would say nothing.

Just Eighteen Years Old.

The League of American Wheelmen is about eighteen years old, and to-day numbers among its members some of the most prominent men of the country, among them being John W. Wadsworth, of Philadelphia, Gov. Hastings of Pennsylvania, Rear Admiral Gherard of the United States Navy, Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago, and C. A. Pillsbury of Minneapolis. The organization has had a steady growth until to-day it numbers over 100,000 members.

Wednesday's Track Winners.

At New Orleans—tracque, Ben Frost, Presbyterian, Ben Waddell, Serf.

At San Francisco—Valencienne, Count of Planders, Watamba, Morrellito, Lucky Dog.

Madison Turf Exchange.

Trains leave Washington avenue 12:32, 1:15, 1:58, 2:41, 3:24, 4:07 and 5:47. Return 8:20, 4:35, 5:18, 6:01, 7:10.

IS GOING BROKE FAST.

BARNEY SCHREIBER LOSING LOTS OF MONEY OUT AT SAN FRANCISCO.

HIS OLD LUCK HAS CHANGED.

In the Past Year the St. Louis Turfman Has Been Hit Hard at Nearly Every Turn of the Wheel.

"Barney Schreiber is going broke fast."

"He has not been on the block, but has been trying to pick winners from the ground and has made a bad mess of it."

"If his tough luck continues he will go broke."

"It is said he did not have much of a bank roll when he reached here and that was the reason he did not go on the block as usual."

"Since his arrival it is said he has lost \$20,000 and is now very near the end of his string."

Johnny Coleman, who booked in St. Louis nearly all summer, is also a big loser out here and is reported to have dropped \$15,000 since the California racing season ended.

The news that Barney Schreiber is going broke fast is bad news indeed for Schreiber's friends here and he in his way did as much to boost the St. Louis race meetings along as any man in the business.

Barney commenced bookmaking at South Side Park six years ago, and it was said soon afterwards that he had run a shoe-string up to a tannery.

Beginning with a few dollars he soon owned a formidable racing string and established a grand racing farm in St. Louis County. The law suit recently entered by his late trainer, Mr. Baker, for back salary, was the first intimation of any character that Schreiber was hard up. To-day's letter gives other evidence of the fact that he has been playing in bad luck recently.

But Schreiber is not the only man that has lost money at San Francisco this fall. It is said that every bookmaker in line out there has lost heavily, with the single exception of John Humphreys, the well-known Eastern layer of odds. The horsemen are getting too cunning for the bookies. It is a case of dog eat dog, and as a result both the men on the block and those on the ground are going broke fast.

THE DAM OF HAMBURG.

Lady Reel Is Sold at Lexington and Brings \$15,000.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 16.—Ed A. Tipton has purchased Lady Reel, dam of Hamburg, and a brood mare by Rayon d'Or of

S. S. Brown for \$15,000 for the two, Hamburg's dam being rated at \$15,000. Duke & Winard have bought of John Madden the bay colt, 2-year-old, by Rayon d'Or, dam Shae, bay colt, 2-year-old, by Lisbon, dam by Imp. St. Blaise, and a bay yearling colt by Falsetto, dam by Lisbon.

A STORY ABOUT ST. LOUIS.

How Her Bicyclists Captured the National Meet to Be Held Here.

The story of how St. Louis, with troubles of her own, was selected as the camping ground of the L. A. W. national assembly delegates this winter was told for the first time during the morning. After the election and disastrous routing of the western forces, a party of western leaders, including Van Sicklen, Gerlach, Arthur, Randall, and Root, stood the men at dinner. In the course of conversation it was recalled how Potter, on the last day of the assembly at Baltimore, had maneuvered his forces promptly at the call of time for the last session and had alluded a few measures through. The westerners decided to try the trick. Then came the hitch. They did not know where to go to railroad through.

Finally some one suggested that a city be selected for the next meeting place. For a time no delegate could be found to accept the honor. Finally the St. Louis men bravely volunteered. The delegation rushed over prepared to carry the thing by storm. They found the Potter faction up to the same trick and there as early as themselves. When the selection of a place for next year came up, the westerners were prepared, however, to name St. Louis and the matter went through with a rush.

SOUTHWEST CYCLE CLUB.

It Is Increasing Its Area and Growing in Strength Rapidly.

The Southwest Cycle Club held its annual meeting and election of officers Wednesday evening and enthusiasm ran high. The annual reports of the various officers showed that the club had been very prosperous the second year as a permanent organization. The progress made by this club during the past year has been remarkable. At the beginning of the present year some forty names appeared on the membership roster and to-day almost double that number appear on the same list, with new ones being added at almost every meeting. The treasurer's report showed that the organization was in a healthy condition financially and a goodly sum had been realized on the recent ball.

The club's money medal was awarded to Mr. Albert Bechesteill, he having ridden the largest number of miles on the regular scheduled tour. Captain Bechesteill finished a close second, with only a difference of fifty-three miles between himself and the winner. The election of officers was a spirited one and resulted as follows: President, Charles E. Bauer; first vice-president, Charles Westmeyer; second vice-president, Charles E. Schmitt; recording secretary, Henry P. Voss; corresponding secretary, Oscar P. Everitt; treasurer, Fred C. Triffrs; captain, A. Ashner; first lieutenant, F. Gleiding; second lieutenant, Charles McElhose; House Committee, A. Adams, F. C. Ufer, A. F. Gleiding, H. A. Voss, Henry McElhose and F. P. Dietz; Club Committee, Charles J. Bauer, Henry McElhose and Edward L. Elelehart.

The pool tournament has been creating considerable interest during the past week, as the "scratch men" struck a snag on several occasions and some close games were the result. Frank Sebastian is now leading by a very narrow margin, and is being looked upon as a "dark horse" for first honors. The entertainment committee announces a "snook" for New Year's Eve, and a select programme is being prepared.

ST. LOUIS FOOT BALL LEAGUE.

An Important Meeting of This Live Organization Held Last Night.

At the regular weekly meeting of the St. Louis Foot Ball League, held at the Lindell Hotel, Wednesday evening, T. J. Globes released McCarthy to the Lynch Ryes, the Christian Brothers released J. Schnieder, Walsh and J. Crimmore and signed Bryant, Murdoch and Kirk, all of whom strengthen the two teams. It was decided that no games be played by the league on Christmas Day, so that all might attend the benefit tendered to Mr. P. J. Deleahanty by the St. Louis Foot Ball Association.

The latest candidate.

Fred Patee of Peoria, recent chief consul of the L. A. W. in this State, is the latest candidate for the vice-presidency of the league. It has not been formally announced by the friends of Mr. Patee, but the Peoria cyclists are working for him, the papers there are in line and it appears as if an onslaught could be made on St. Louis at the time of the national assembly, with Patee at the head of the delegation.

Sporting Notes.

McCoy is in fine shape. Creedon never looked better.

To-morrow the middle weights meet. The odds in New York are 10 to 8, with McCoy bringing the top figure.

The Mercantile Futures have won 24 games and lost 4 this season in the 12-year-old class of foot ball teams.

Alex Backoff of the Lynch Ryes Foot Ball Team has recovered from the injuries received while in a game of foot ball will be at his post next Sunday afternoon. Watch out for Boss Dix of the Lynch Ryes. He will be in Sunday's game against the Globes.

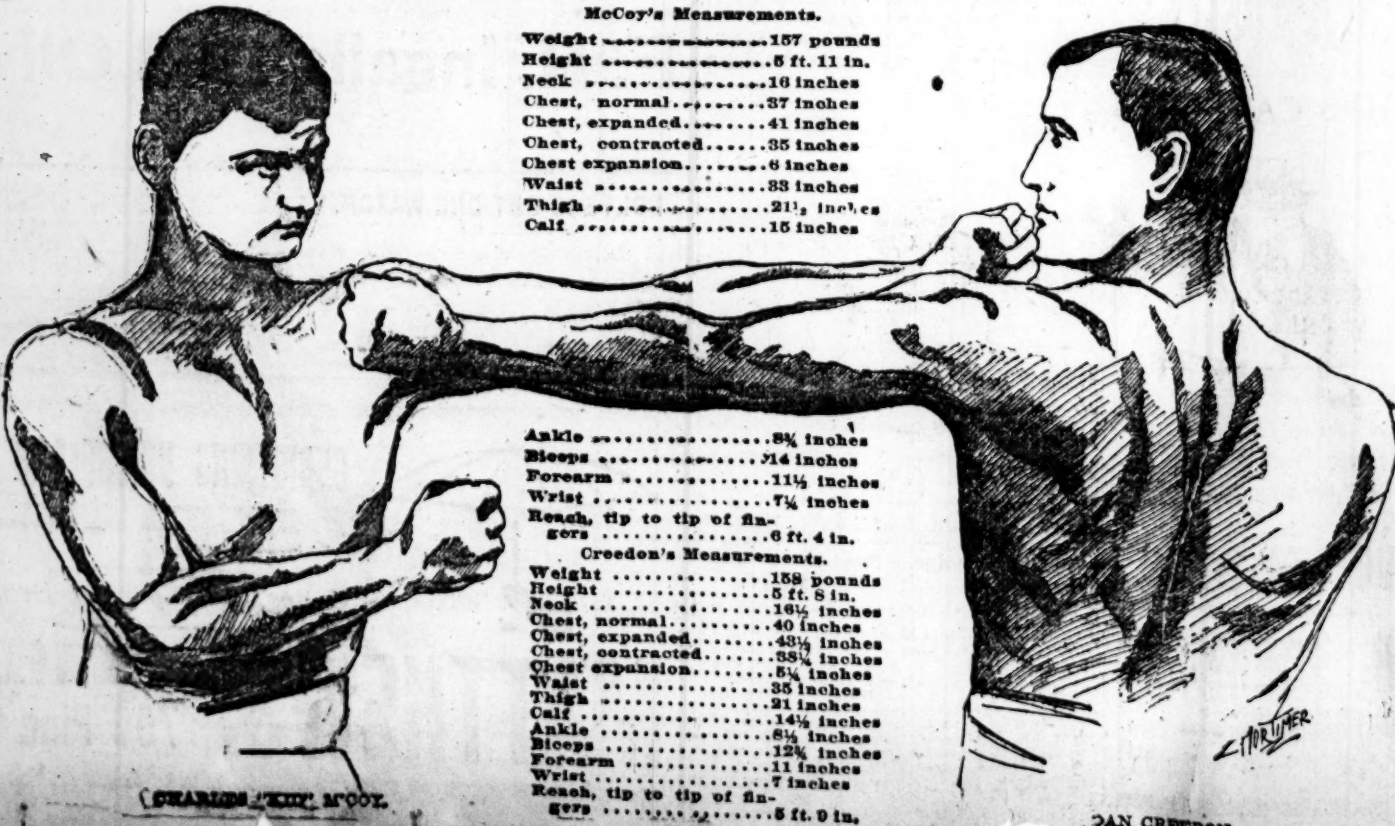
WHAT THREE AND ONE-HALF INCHES ADVANTAGE IN REACH MEANS TO "KID" MCCOY.

McCoy's Measurements.

Weight	157 pounds
Height	5 ft. 11 in.
Neck	16 inches
Chest, normal	37 inches
Chest, expanded	41 inches
Chest, contracted	35 inches
Chest expansion	6 inches
Waist	33 inches
Thigh	31 inches
Calf	15 inches

Creedon's Measurements.

Weight	158 pounds
Height	5 ft. 8½ in.
Neck	16½ inches
Chest, normal	40 inches
Chest, expanded	48½ inches
Chest, contracted	38½ inches
Chest expansion	8½ inches
Waist	35 inches
Thigh	31 inches
Calf	14½ inches
Biceps	12½ inches
Forearm	11 inches
Wrist	11 inches
Reach, tip to tip of fingers	6 ft. 4 in.
Reach, tip to tip of fingers	5 ft. 9 in.



AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne, and does now, on every bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

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FAIR GROUND ASSOCIATION
PROVES A SURPRISE.

THE CHOICE A POPULAR ONE.

Was Expected That C. C. Maffitt
Would Succeed L. M. Rumsey
in Office.

At the meeting of the St. Louis Fair Association Thursday afternoon the following officers were elected: Robert Aull, President; A. B. Ewing, First Vice-President; James Campbell, Second Vice-President; Charles Clark, Third Vice-President; Joseph A. Murphy, Secretary; W. M. Lockwood, Treasurer.

The election was a surprise to every one. All hands had heard that Charles C. Maffitt was to be re-elected to his old place as President, in place of L. M. Rumsey, who held the office last year.

The election of Mr. Aull was a most popular one and was the result of the heavy canvass he received on every side.

Mr. Aull has been the practical head of the organization all year so that he is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the position.

Mr. Aull, during his term as general manager of the St. Louis Fair Association, made friends with everyone, so that his selection is bound to be a popular one.

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EDITOR MURRAY ARRESTED.

He Was Leader of the Colored "400,"
a Politician and a Lecturer.

Here is an arrest which will create a sensation in colored society in St. Louis. Philip H. Murray, editor, phenologist, lecturer, Sunday School and Equal Rights worker, and transcendentalist, is in the hold-over, charged with stealing a coat and an overcoat, just like any ordinary sneak thief.

Murray has been the pride of the colored 400. For sixteen years he has been the editor of the St. Louis Advance. He was president of the Negro State League, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Equal Rights Association, was a student of Phenology and publicly lectured on that science for several years, until he was forced to abandon the lecture platform.

He was identified with several Sunday School and educational organizations in religion he calls himself a Transcendentalist.

He lives in a neat house at 258 Goodale avenue and has been socially prominent. The three daughters are completing their education at the High School, Washington, D. C.

Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock Mrs. Addie Andrews, 565 North Fifteenth street, saw a negro leaving her house hurriedly. Later she discovered that an overcoat valued at \$25 and a sack coat valued at \$15 had been stolen.

On her description Murray was arrested Thursday morning by Officer Downey of the Fourth District, and on going to the station Mrs. Andrews identified him as the man she saw leaving her house.

Murray declares he is innocent. He says he left home in the morning and got up town at 9 o'clock. At that hour he entered a barber shop at 125 Morgan street, and remained there until noon. The stolen property has not been found.

The Sunset Limited,
Via the Iron Mountain Route is the finest train ever operated in regular service between St. Louis and California. Over three hours the quickest time to Los Angeles. The only line operating a solid through train.

CAR HIT SELANDER'S BUGGY.
The Veterinary Surgeon's Scalp Was Cut by Broadway Granite.

A buggy driven by Ernest A. Selander, a veterinary surgeon of 433 North Broadway, was struck by a grip car at Broadway and Douglas street, Wednesday evening. Selander was thrown to the ground and his scalp was cut. He was treated at the North End Dispensary and then sent home.

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To hardwood effect, oak, cherry, etc., use Floor-Shine Enamel Colors. The only lasting floor finish made; dries over night. Your druggist or dealer will procure it; if not, write to Floor-Shine Co., St. Louis. Color card and book about floors free.

Fire at Marshalltown, Iowa.
MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 16.—The wholesale grocery house of Betts, Fletcher & Co., one of the largest concerns in Iowa, caught fire this afternoon and will be entirely destroyed. Fear is entertained that the post-office and the Odessa Opera-house building will be swept away by the flames.

HESSE'S QUEER SIGNATURE

Handwriting Experts and Bankers
Discuss It in Court.

The question of the validity of a note for \$1,800 signed with the name of C. H. Hesse was brought up in the Probate Court Thursday morning.

C. H. Hesse was a money-lender doing business at 110 North Eighth street. He died in March of this year and his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Hesse, became executrix of her husband's estate. Shortly after his death a number of checks and notes which turned up in the settlement of the estate were declared to be forgeries.

Among the contested papers was a note made by R. H. Murphy by C. H. Hesse for \$1,800. The note is dated October 23, 1896, and is made payable one year from date to John Chokick, the real estate dealer, testified he had written out the note at the direction of Mr. Hesse, and that Mr. Hesse sat down and signed the note. Murphy handed Hesse a roll of money which looked to be of the amount of several hundred dollars, and in return Hesse handed Murphy the note.

Mr. Chokick said he did not know the amount of money which passed, but he knew Mr. Chokick said that just before Mr. Hesse's death he filled out two checks signed by Hesse. One was for \$1,000 and the other for \$800.

F. W. Biebling, who will have been with the Fourth National Bank thirty years Dec. 17, testified that he thought the signature on the note in question was the signature of Mr. Hesse. Mr. Biebling said that he knew Mr. Chokick was hardly the same thing twice in succession.

There were numerous other witnesses on hand, some to testify one way and some another, the experts on handwriting claiming that the writing on the note was not Mr. Hesse's handwriting.

Suits on some contested Hesse checks are pending in the Circuit Court.

GREEN BABY IN TOWN.

Elenora Frye Swallowed a Beer Check
and Turned Olive Color.

There is at least one green baby in St. Louis and there may be others unless better care is taken of the brass beer checks which are carelessly thrown about most households.

Thursday morning little Elenora Frye of 2223 Wash street was pale yellow in color, as bright and interesting a mulatto baby as that section of the city contains. Now a brilliant dark green hue is marked on her face.

Elenora is 18 months old. Her mother is a laundress and works hard for a living. Throwing a brass beer check, accidentally fell upon the floor. The baby spied the pretty coin, and in a few minutes elapsed she had the baby and the check formed a con-junction, and then the mother missed the check. It had disappeared down the baby's throat.

Though smaller in size than a nickel, the infant had considerable trouble in swallowing it, and the mother worked hysterically to remove the coin before it all attempts to reach. But the baby resisted all attempts to recover the beer fund.

That night Mrs. Frye says she administered the usual cast of oil. It was a failure. She repeated the remedy, hoping it would be unnecessary to consult a physician, but when Thursday morning dawned and the mother gazed anxiously upon the face of "sickled over with a white cast of thought" and verdigris.

Throwing a shawl over her head, Mrs. Frye seized the baby and fled to the City Dispensary, where she submitted the child to Dr. Kearney for inspection and treatment.

The doctor said he thought he had seen at the prevailing styles in baby's clothing, red, white, pink, blue, and yellow—this was a new one. He must have been in which to consider the astonishing change were manifested during the day he would perform an operation that was not very dangerous.

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DROMIOS UP TO DATE.

SHAKESPEARE'S COMEDY IN
OPEN AIR, WITH AN 1897
ST. LOUIS TWIST.

FOOTPAD SCARE RESPONSIBLE.

Two Peaceful Citizens, Homeward
Bound, Convinced the Other
Is a Bandit.

There was a comedy of errors up on Eighteenth and Market streets at 2 o'clock Thursday morning, which at any moment threatened to become a tragedy.

The alarming frequency of hold-ups throughout the city of late was responsible. Joseph Wisel, proprietor of the St. Louis House, Main and Lucas avenue, was on his way down town. Joseph Gabrielle, an employee of the Bell Telephone Company, was on his way to his home at Cardinal avenue and Hickory street. Both had missed owl cars.

The mind of each was filled with visions of masked highwaymen lurking in the shadows along the right hand of the street. Between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets the men came together. Gabrielle, who was carrying a large package of six-shooting, burglar-microbe destroyers, concealed from view in his overcoat pocket.

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DEVLIN ASKS FOR A WARRANT.

Charges Arthur Bell With Assault
With Intent to Kill.

Charles J. Devlin, manager of the Devlin Drayage Co., called at the Four Courts Thursday and applied for a warrant charging assault with intent to kill against Arthur Bell, local manager for Dodge & O'cott, oil manufacturers.

Devlin's head was wrapped in bandages. He alleges that on December 7 Belle struck him with an iron poker, inflicting painful injury.

Devlin formerly had desk room in the office of the oil company, 119 Locust street. Belle was a regular guest at the hotel. Devlin was ordered to vacate. Devlin refused and the matter was referred to the N. Y. office.

Meanwhile the ill-feeling was growing more intense. The New York office was ordered to issue a warrant. Then came the crisis in which Devlin's head was beaten.

Devlin's version of the story is that Devlin used abusive language and drew a revolver. When payment is made on a game of the player will be given a chip. With this chip he will go into the "clubroom" in the rear and in return for the chip will receive a bottle of beer or drink of whisky "free."

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SALOON IN THE ARCADE.

CABANNE RESIDENTS INDIGNANT
OVER A WELL-ENGINEERED SCHEME.

A VERY WET BILLIARD PARLOR.

Citizens Will Join Hands and Do All
They Can in Their Power to
Defeat the Movement.

The people of Cabanne are indignant over an attempt that is now said to be underway to establish a saloon in the Arcade.

The room picked out for the bar is one of the most conspicuous in the building. It is on the Vernon avenue side, next to the Pharmacy.

The movement has been under way for some time, but it was only last week that the character of the new comer to the block was disclosed. Immediately a mighty protest went up and this will take the form of a petition against issuing the license to be placed before Excise Commissioner Higgins at the earliest day.

It is said every property owner and resident of the section will aid in the defeat of the scheme.

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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

A. Moll Grocer Co.'s
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FOR CHRISTMAS.

Oranges, Seedlings, 15c
Per dozen

Oranges, large, 25c
Per dozen

Best Cape Cod Cranberries, 9c
Per quart

Fine Persian Dates, 9c
Per lb.

Large Black Walnuts, 10c
Per peck

Large California Walnuts, 10c
Per lb.

Extra Large California Raisins, 10c
Per lb.

Xmas Tree Candles, 8c
Per box

Pop Corn Poppers, 6c
Each

Pop Corn on the ear, 3c
Per lb.

Fresh Broken Taffies, 8c
Per lb.

Assorted Caramels, 8c
Per lb.

French Mixed Cream Candy, 10c
Per lb.

Fine 8-Year-Old Brunswick Club Whisky—
500 Fancy

POVERTY HIS CRIME.

C. A. BALL STOLE TWENTY CENTS' WORTH OF COAL FOR HIS FREEZING FAMILY.

DESPERATE FROM SUFFERING.

Daughter Taken to the City Hospital and Wife at Home With One Child Prostrated From Hunger.

"I picked up 20 cents' worth of coal to save my sick wife and children from freezing. I had no money. I had to have fuel. The only way to get it was to take it from the coal yard. If I tried to provide a fire for the sufferers dependent upon me it is a crime, then I am guilty."

Thus spoke Charles A. Ball of 706 Gratiot street as he anxiously peered through the wire screen that separates prisoners and free men at the City Jail. Ball is 43 years old. He was discovered stealing coal out of a car in the railroad yards near his home Tuesday night. He had about a bushel and a half of coal in a two-bushel grain sack. He was starting home with it when apprehended by a watchman.

The prisoner was made to dump the little pile of coal back into the car from which he took it. Then he was conveyed to the hold-over. The following morning a warrant charging petit larceny was sworn out. Throwing the prisoner into the jail was the next act.

Ball has a wife and three children. They live in one small room in a tenement house. While Ball is in jail his family is suffering the bitter pangs of cold and hunger. About two hours before he was arrested for stealing the 20 cents' worth of coal, Ball assisted in the removal of his 13-year-old daughter from their squalid apartments to the City Hospital. The young girl is almost dead and her parents could no longer care for her.

A boy of 10 years, a girl of 8 and the mother are at home alone, since one member of the family is in jail and another in the hospital. The boy has the whooping cough. The mother, a fragile creature at best, is so emaciated by hunger and cold and loss of sleep in caring for her sick daughter, that she collapsed from exhaustion as soon as the young girl was taken to the hospital.

The little 8-year-old girl is the only member of the family free from sickness or bondage. "I am a laborer," said Ball to a Post-Dispatch reporter, "and I have always worked when I could find employment. A year ago I moved my family to St. Louis from Southern Illinois. For several years I eked out a living there by farm work and I hoped to improve my condition by moving to St. Louis. But I made matters worse. The year we have lived in St. Louis has been a year of suffering. Every member of my family has suffered and I have suffered because of their distress. I all fall upon me, because they are dependent upon me. I do not drink, I do not gamble. I have none of the prevalent vices unless poverty is a vice."

"Since I landed in St. Louis a year ago, I have eagerly sought such work as I am able to do—common labor. I have been employed about one-third of the time at odd jobs and of course the low wages made it impossible for me to save anything. For the last three weeks I have been idle."

"While I am here in jail I am haunted by the knowledge that my wife and children are slowly starving in a cold, damp, gloomy room. The thought makes me desperate. No wonder crime is committed. When I am taken before the Judge I will tell the whole truth. I will freely confess the theft of the coal and I will ask the Judge to let me go. I am an honest face, and although his clothing hangs in shreds upon my back there is something about him that seems to say he deserves a better fate."

JAPANESE FRUIT IN ST. LOUIS.

The First Shipment Will Be Followed by Others If Demand Warrants.

A carload of Japanese tangerines, the first shipment of fruit ever made direct to St. Louis from Japan, arrived Thursday.

The fruit was shipped from Kabara Nogi Wakayama, Japan, via Kobe, Japan, to Seattle, and from there, via the Northern Pacific Railroad, to St. Louis. The custom-house papers and other documents accompanying the bill of lading are curiosities. The shipment will be followed by others of the same kind and St. Louis will now be supplied with the choicest varieties of Japanese fruit.

A \$90,000 REALTY SALE.

J. B. Woestman Bought the Southeast Corner of Sixteenth and Franklin.

An important sale of business property was closed Wednesday afternoon by which the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Franklin avenue was transferred from the McKinney Bread Co. to John B. Woestman, Vice-President of the Franklin Bank.

This corner fronting 88 feet on Franklin by a depth of 144 feet 7 inches on Sixteenth street is improved with a four-story brick building, occupied by the McKinney Bread Co.'s Bakery plant. The consideration was \$90,000. Of this amount \$34,000 was in cash, and the remainder in four pieces of real estate, aggregating in value \$56,000.

Samuel Bowman & Co. represented the McKinney Bread Co. and the Blackwelder-Holbrook Realty Co. Mr. Woestman in the deal. The McKinney Bread Co. will retain possession of the premises under a lease for a term of five years.

Both properties were figured down to an actual cash basis in this transaction, and the sale of the McKinney property to a careful investor as Mr. Woestman shows the stability of values of Franklin avenue business property.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEALS.

Two Valuable Pieces of Property Change Hands.

Henry Hiemenz, Jr., and Samuel Bowman & Co. have made the two big real estate deals of the week. Mr. Hiemenz for Max T. Schirmer sold the northeast corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets, 60x100, on which there is a row of one-story brick offices, to Gustavus Schuchmann, for \$50,000. The Bowman company engineered the deal avenue and Sixteenth street, 88 feet by 144 feet 7 inches, on which is situated the four-story brick building of the McKinney Bread Co., passed from John B. McKinney to John B. Woestman, Vice-President of the Franklin Bank, for \$90,000. In next payment Mr. Woestman conveyed to Mr. McKinney four pieces of real estate, valued at \$56,000, the balance, \$34,000, being paid in cash. The Blackwelder-Holbrook Realty Co. represented Mr. Woestman.

SMUGGLER SHOT M'ILLAN.

A St. Louis Soldier at Wayne, Mich., Will Lose His Arm.

Fred McMillan, a private in Company F, Nineteenth Infantry, whose home is said to be in St. Louis, while patrolling his beat around the barracks at Wayne, Mich., was shot in the right arm by an unknown man, believed to be a member of a smuggling gang operating near Detroit, recently. The arm was so badly injured that amputation was necessary.

Miss Mattie Ryan (china decorator) will receive her friends and public at her studio, Y. M. C. A. Building, Grand and Franklin, every day, Thursdays and Fridays to 9 p. m. until Christmas.

FREE
KNIVES

BRANDT'S Would Suggest FREE DOLLS

AS APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS SOMETHING FROM THEIR

ELEGANT LINE OF HOLIDAY FOOTWEAR.

Babies' Shoes	50c	Youths' Shoes	\$1.00	Ladies' Shoes	\$1.50	MEN'S FAUSTS.	
Child's Shoes	75c	Boys' Shoes	\$1.25	Nobby Styles	\$2.00	MEN'S OPERAS.	
Misses' Shoes	\$1.25	Men's Shoes	\$3.00	Turns and Welts ..	\$3.00		
							\$1.50 to \$2.50
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FREE DOLLS
J. G. BRANDT SHOE CO., Corner Broadway and Lucas Ave.
OPEN UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHT.
FREE KNIVES

CHILD HOUSEBREAKERS HELD.

North End Police Believe They Have Robbed Many Business Men.

Three young and bold-looking housebreakers were locked up at the Fifth District Station Wednesday afternoon. They are Fred Reiter, 131 North Fifteenth street; Ed Houlihan, 129 North Fifteenth street; and Henry Slutz, 131 North Fifteenth street, all under 14 years of age.

The youngsters are charged with breaking in and robbing Henry Elks' wagon shop, 1414 Cass avenue, Sunday. Tools valued at \$30 were secured.

The goods were located at a second-hand store and recovered. The proprietor explained that he bought them from three boys, and the description tallied exactly with the ones under arrest. They were rounded up by Sgt. McFarland and Officer Garvey and brought before Capt. Phillips.

The trio at first strenuously denied guilt, but finally confessed. A warrant was issued for burglary and larceny will be applied for. Mr. Elks says he will prosecute the boys and ask that they be sent to the House of Refuge.

He stated that his shop had been plundered twice within two weeks, and he strongly suspected the youthful prisoners of doing both jobs.

Capt. Phillips regards the capture as an important one. Several petty thefts have occurred recently in North St. Louis. The boys believed professional thieves were at work. They are now convinced that it was done by the gang of boys now locked up.

All of the young prisoners came from respectable families and insist that this is their first offense.

Houlihan is a pupil at the Mullanphy School, and Reiter claims to work when he can find work to do. Slutz, who has but one eye, says he is sickly, and can neither work nor go to school.

Houlihan seemed to be the leader of the trio. When asked why he stole the tools he said: "Cause we wanted to buy Christmas toys. Our folks is poor and we wanted the toys and didn't know any other way to get 'em. You bet we're sorry now."

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The Southern Electric Wishes to Reach the Fair Grounds.

One fare from the Fair Grounds to Jefferson Barracks is what President C. H. Spencer of the Southern Electric road promises if the city fathers grant his company a franchise to extend from the present terminus at Seventh and Howard streets to the St. Louis Fair Grounds Association's property. A 10-cent rate to the Barracks is now in vogue.

President Spencer says his company pays more taxes than any other railway, so he thinks his bill is entitled to some consideration.

Sale of Seats for the "Messiah" Concert

The sale of seats for the next Wednesday performance of Handel's "Messiah" began this morning at 1000 Olive street. This is the one oratorio produced by the Choral Symphony Society which almost always draws a large audience. The hall to its fullest capacity, and this morning's sales promise that the same thing will be repeated this year. A number of excursions from the neighboring towns have been organized to come to town for this work. Contrary to the usual custom, all seats in parquette and dress circle as well as balcony, not taken by subscribers, are open to the general public.

Laclede School Christmas.

Laclede School will give a public reception to its friends on Friday, Dec. 18, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Singing, music and recitation will be the main features. A fine Christmas tree will be in the Kindergarten, and Santa Claus will give nuts and candy to all the children. Friends of the school are cordially invited.

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HER CARRIAGE UPSET.

THE AGED WIFE OF THE HON. Z. B. JOB OF ALTON PROBABLY FATALITY INJURED.

HORSES MADE A SHARP TURN.

Coachman Had Lost Control and Was Also Thrown to the Pavement—Mrs. Job Is Unconscious.

Mrs. Job, wife of Hon. Z. B. Job, one of the most prominent citizens of Alton, Ill., was probably fatally injured Wednesday evening in an accident caused by a runaway team of carriage horses. She now lies at her home unconscious.

Mrs. Job had been in St. Louis during the day shopping and visiting friends, and took the late afternoon train for her home. She arrived at the depot in Alton at 6:30 p. m. and found her carriage in waiting, attended by her coachman, a young colored man.

Mrs. Job had taken her rest in the carriage and the driver had scarcely mounted the seat and gathered up the reins when there was a sudden burst of escaping steam from the engine which was still at the depot platform. The unusual hissing noise alarmed the spirited horses, which plunged and reared wildly in fright.

Before the driver could secure a good grip on the reins and place the horses under control they suddenly sprang forward at a furious pace and dashed up the street. The team was entirely beyond the control of the driver, and Mrs. Job, realizing the danger, sprang from the carriage and attempted to check or stop the runaway team.

Several bystanders attempted to check or stop the runaway team. The front wheels struck a projection, overturning the vehicle.

The driver was thrown from his seat and the horses were badly wrecked. The coachman was badly wrecked, falling on his head in the roadway with terrible force. The horses, freed from the shock of the accident, continued their run for several blocks.

Mrs. Job was picked up and borne to a drug store, where a physician was called to attend her.

He found her suffering from concussion of the brain and numerous cuts and contusions, besides internal injuries.

A carriage wheel was removed to her home. At last accounts Thursday morning she was still unconscious and suffering from continual spasms. Owing to her advanced age and the severe nature of her injuries, the attending physician has expressed grave doubts of her recovery.

A colored coachman escaped luckily with a few slight cuts and bruises and a severe shaking up. The team was not injured, but the physician was called to attend her.

BIG MACCABEES FLY AWAY.

Missouri May Have a Great Camp and Home Rule.

The Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees attended an informal reception Wednesday night at the Planters' Hotel, given to the three supreme officers who are visiting St. Louis, Maj. N. S. Boynton, C. A. Young and Miss Bina M. West.

A general discussion ensued upon the feasibility of the Maccabees forming great camps in the various states. The state practically home rule.

Jefferson City, Kansas City and Chillicothe will be visited by the three supreme officers. In each of these places entertainments in their honor will be given.

BIG ENGINEERS BANQUETED.

Edward Flad and William Bryan Were the Orators of the Evening.

Installation of the new officers occurred at the annual banquet of the Engineers' Club, given last night at the Southern Hotel. Those who will hold the reins of government in this popular organization for the next year are William H. Bryan, president; R. H. Colby, vice-president; Richard McCulloch, secretary; Thomas B. Edwards, treasurer; E. J. Jolly, librarian; Edward Flad and John A. State, directors; and J. B. Johnson and Arthur Thacher, members of the board of managers of the Association of Engineering Societies.

After the feast happy addresses were made by Edward Flad, and the retiring president, the new executive, Mr. Bryan; Water Commissioner M. L. Holman, Col. E. D. Meier and Henry Branch.

MRS. JOHN H. CONRADES DEAD.

Funeral Will Be Held From the House in Which She Was Born.

Mrs. Mary C. Conrades, wife of John H. Conrades, died Wednesday at her residence, 2132 Hawthorne avenue. She was 62 years old. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from the house in which Mrs. Conrades was born in St. Charles, Mo.

Mrs. Conrades was the mother of Edwin H. Conrades, Vice-President of the Donk Bros. Coal Co.; Theodore Conrades, Vice-President of the Conrades Chair Co.; and of Mrs. Otto Stiller.

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But Vice-President Langenberg's Duties Force Him to Resign.

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The election of Mr. Langenberg as vice-president was a surprise to that gentleman. He was not present at the meeting. He stated that he had been called to St. Louis by the Dispatch reporter that he would be compelled to resign, as it would be impossible for him to find time to devote to the duties of the office.

"I am anxious to do everything I possibly can to promote the interests of the Consolidated company," said Mr. Langenberg, "but my duties as president of the Merchants' Exchange have already taken more of my time than I really could spare from my business."

The resignation of President Kehlor was necessary because he could not find time to properly devote to the duties of the office. Director J. A. Cunningham resigned from the old board because his time was entirely occupied by his duties as secretary of the company.

The Consolidated Elevator Company, although it has been in existence for many years, has not been able to manage its business very successfully. When the elevators began to be built, they were turned over to the new company a few months ago the bills were practically empty, but under the able management of Web. M. Samuel, grain of all description has been shipped to St. Louis in such quantities that one after another of the elevators have been filled. At the present rate of grain receipts the elevators belonging to the company on the east side of the river will be completely filled by Saturday.

The East St. Louis elevator was opened less than two weeks ago, after an idleness of nearly two years. It will soon be taxed to its utmost capacity.

The elevators in operation on this side of the river have nearly as much grain in store as they can accommodate, and several elevators which have been idle for years will soon be put in operation.

But even with these elevators in operation there is a great need for more grain to come to this market between now and the first of the year. The company is busy Wednesday trying to devise means to handle the large quantities which are expected to arrive.

Senators cure chronic constipation, purify the blood and cleanse the system.

Pilgrim Church Recital.

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